

Can You Dig It?

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European cranefly, otherwise known as the mosquito eater, is well established in Oregon. The cranefly does not bite or sting, nor does it damage houses. There are 28 species of cranefly in Western Oregon and only two of them damage lawns, when the worm-like larvae (called leather jackets because of their tough outer skin) feed on root crowns. Adults emerge from the grass to irritate us in August and September. Natural controls largely eliminate cranefly problems in lawns. This does not mean that they aren't there; it means that they aren't doing significant damage. According to my text, healthy lawns have been known to have 40 larvae per square foot and show no damage.

Weed Management

I love the word "management." You will always have weeds. A weed is, by definition, just about anything that you don't want where it's growing. Weeds have evolved to grow rapidly, reproduce prolifically and readily, are widely adaptable as to soil type and climate and positively thrive whenever you turn the soil because weed seeds are also very long lived. Weeds can be annual, perennial or woody and many of the most pernicious are imported. Three broad strategies should be employed: Prevent the introduction of new weeds, discourage weeds so they don't compete with desired plants and stop weeds from going to seed. Cultural and mechanical controls are very effective against many weeds.

The first step is to sharpen your hoe! It's much easier and more effective. The biggest disadvantage to weeding is that, since it disturbs the soil, you bring more seeds to the surface. However, tilling, hoeing and hand pulling remain the gardener's first weapons. Methods to try include crop rotation in the vegetable garden, bed planting (where weeds are shaded out by desired species), use of transplants (they have a head start), mulching (most weed seeds need light to germinate), water management, and cover crops. Herbicides may have a place depending on your personal

philosophy objectives and the particular weed problem. However, please have a clear goal and follow the directions to get the desired effect, don't just apply Weed-'N-Feed every year because the label says you should. For one thing, if you are trying to grow a more diverse eco-friendly lawn including species other than grass, this type of product will kill a big chunk of your desirable plants.

One final note: The Northwest Coalition for Alternative to Pesticides produces a quarterly

publication and works to promote sustainable agriculture practices. Membership is tax deductible and entitles you to free consultation with staff. This group has been promoting alternatives to pesticide use since 1977. Their articles and pamphlets reference the scientific literature. If you are interested, you can contact them on the web at www.pesticide.org, by phone at 541-344-5044, or by snail mail at NCAP, PO Box 1393, Eugene, OR 97440.

Obituary

VIRGINIA IRENE TRUSSELL DAVIS

Virginia Irene Trussell Davis, 86, Manning, died July 3, 2004. Funeral services were held July 8 at the Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove, with Bonnie Sikes officiating. Interment was at Buxton Cemetery.

Mrs. Davis was born March 1, 1918, in Beaverton, to Thomas and Hazel (Danford) Miller. She graduated from Beaverton High School in 1936.

IN 1938, she married Gene Trussell. They made their home in Manning. Mr. Trussell died in 1976. In 1978, she married Theron W. "Dave" Davis. They made their home in Manning.

Mrs. Davis ran a fruit stand on Sunset Highway starting in 1951, then expanded to a restaurant called Ginger's Cafe. In 1976, she started the Jim Dandy Farm Market in Manning, which is still operating.

She was preceded in death by her first husband; one son, Robert Eugene Trussell; two sisters, Margie Rinchart and Ruth Todd.

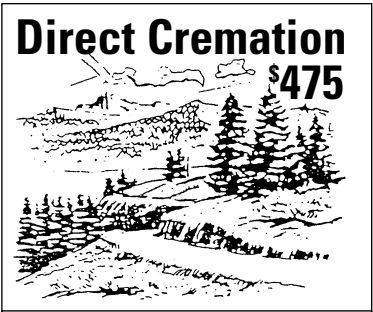
Survivors include her husband, a son, Ray Trussell of Manning; a daughter, Sharon Bond of Anchorage, Alaska; a sister, Jean "Coco" Jones of Aloha; seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to the Special Olympics of Washington County.

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove was in charge of arrangements.

ALETHEA ORISSA GRAHAM

Alethea Orissa Graham, 74, Vernonia, died July 2, 2004. A memorial service was held July 9 at the First Baptist Church in Vernonia, with Pastor Joel Stith officiating.



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Mrs. Graham was born May 23, 1930, in Hecla, S. Dakota. Her maiden name was Hinckley.

In 1970, she married Jess A. Graham. The made their home in Forest Grove until moving to Vernonia in 1973. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Douglas and Rodger McLaughlin; and three brothers, Bennie, Loren, and Clyde Hinckley.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Gordon and Randall McLaughlin, both of Vernonia; a brother, Earl Hinckley of Cornelius; four sisters, Arlene Lee of Abilene, Texas, Mavis Peterson of Scappoose, Viola Griffith and Urada Baker, both of Portland; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Remembrances are suggested to Hospice of Washington County.

Tualatin Valley Funeral Alternatives was in charge of arrangements.

SHIREA LYNN RAY

Shirea Lynn Ray, 17, Mist, died July 6, 2004. Graveside services were held July 14 at Vernonia Memorial Cemetery, with Pastor John Cahill, of the Vernonia First Baptist Church, officiating.

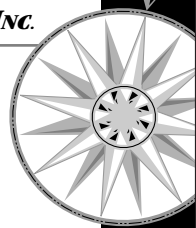
Ms. Ray was born May 25, 1987, in Tillamook, to Grace Ray and Bill Benecke. She lived in Tillamook, Flagstaff, Arizona, and Vernonia, before moving to Mist recently. She attended Washington Grade School and would have been a senior at Vernonia High School this fall.

She worked at the Vernonia Country Kitchen. She wanted to be a teacher and volunteered at Vernonia Head Start.

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Quilters working on kids project

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would still like to be a part of this community effort, Louise is asking for donations of material, "We will be needing lots of clean cotton and flannel material. If possible, please wash all fabric before bringing it in," she said. Larger pieces will be needed for the one-piece backing and smaller size pieces for the quilt front. Medium weight quilt batting (filler) is also needed.

If you'd like some "hands on" experience, Louise will show you how to help cut and/or sew quilt pieces. She and two other

regular quilters, Faith Reynolds and Sue Goodhope, are at the Senior Center every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All donations – finished quilts or materials – should be taken to the Center in bags marked "Village Kids Quilts," or call to make arrangements to have them picked up.

For more information regarding the quilts, call Louise at 503-429-7401. For information about the program, call Chief Matt Workman at the Vernonia Police Department, 503-429-7335.

Tom and Claudia Lee's outdoor area. For information, call 503-429-2450.

Mr. Solem was born December 1, 1951, in Portland, to Robert H. and Helen (Saller) Solem. He graduated from Hillsboro High School.

Survivors include his mother, of Vernonia.

GEORGE J. THORPE

George J. Thorpe, 75, formerly of Scappoose, died June 18, 2004.

Mr. Thorpe was born February 9, 1929, in Traverse City, Michigan.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. As an adult with a young family, he moved to Scappoose. He worked as a machinist.

Survivors include his son, David of Timber; a daughter, Joyce Van Ortwick of Scappoose, and two grandchildren.

VANCE FREDERIC SOLEM
Vance Frederic Solem, 52, Vernonia, died July 4, 2004. A celebration of life will be held July 17 at 1:00 p.m. at

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